

Lowville Racing Team sweeps Carlisle event

By Roy Downs

When the Lowville Racing Team heads for a snowmobile race meet, the competition starts to shudder.

And the competitors were fidgeting Sunday when the 11-man racing crew pulled into Courtcliffe Park for Carlisle Snowdrifters' annual Molson's Cup snowmobile races. Their

nervousness was natural, for the Lowville-based club has a reputation for winning a pile of trophies wherever they go.

Sunday was no exception as eight of the club's entries picked

up 18 trophies, including eight first prizes, in the day's program of races. There were about 150 machines entered.

Brading: 26 points

Led by the veteran Chris Brading who took six awards, making him top driver of the day, the Lowville club literally smeared most of the competition. They won all but two of the day's races.

Brading won firsts in the B and D modified classes, seconds in C stock and open modified, third in C modified and D stock. He won 26 points to become top driver of the day and was presented with the sterling silver Molson's Cup.

Danny Arbic of Acton claimed firsts in B and C stock classes, and seconds in D and E stock. He picked up 18 points and was second top driver of the meet.

Ian Grant of Lowville took a first in E stock, Walt Dixon of Georgetown first in the 250 cc, Joe Winder of Lowville fourth in C stock, John Salmon Jr. of Rockwood first in each of two junior races, John Salmon Sr. a second in B stock and a third in D stock, and Al Knight of Georgetown a fourth in the B modifieds.

Other members of the Lowville Team are Jim Lilley and Paul Braida of Acton and Gary Smith of Rockwood.

Drive Polaris

Brading, Arbic, the father-and-son Salmon team and Braida all drive Polaris machines, under sponsorship of The Racer's Edge dealership in Milton, owned by Brading and Wayne Auckland. Brading drives in both stock and modified classes.

Winder, Grant and Lilley are Ski-Doo operators and Winder's machine is sponsored by Milton

Marine and Sports, the Milton dealer. Smith and Dixon drive Arctic Cats and Knight races a modified Sno Jet.

This is the third season the Lowville Racing Team has been in operation, although some of the drivers have raced more than three seasons. It was formed when Jacques Paquette, Joe Winder, Wayne Auckland and Chris Brading got together and decided to start a club. That first year about eight members raced and most of them did pretty well.

In the club's second year of operation, the 1970-71 season, Robertson and Coulson service station at Lowville donated a large trophy for the club member amassing the most points in the

season's events. Five points are given for a first prize, four for a second, three for third, two for fourth and one for fifth. Ian Grant won the trophy that first year.

Out in front

Chris Brading pulled out in front last winter to claim the trophy, and to date this season he's leading in the point standings with 21 points after Sunday's racing. Dan Arbic and Ian Grant are vying for second place in the in-club points total.

Club members meet every Monday night at Joe Winder's shop in Milton, to discuss the weekend's racing and make plans for future events. Through the winter season, from mid-December to March, they're

away nearly every weekend to races sanctioned by the Ontario Snowmobile Racing Federation.

President Paquette says the guys could race on their own and probably do well, but there's a certain "camaraderie" in being part of a racing club. Although there is a lot of good-natured bantering over which manufacturer makes the best machine, when it comes to a race they're "all one happy family" and petty rivalries are forgotten as drivers and supporters pitch in to help each other tune and repair their machines.

All supporters

There are about 25 members in the club, although only 11 are

racing. The rest lend support wherever possible, whether it's in the pits or in the stands. Wives go along on most of the weekend trips.

To date this year they have raced at Carlisle, Mosport, the Kawartha Cup at Peterborough, Ottawa, North Bay and Markham. Last year some of the club members entered the six hour endurance race at MacTier—a gruelling cross-country race that left most of the machines either crippled or in poor shape.

The club members are presently grooming their machines for the Drumquin races to be held this Sunday at Drumquin Park six miles east of Milton.



LOWVILLE RACING TEAM is making a name for itself in district snowmobile racing circles this year. The club won eight of the 10 races held at Carlisle Sunday and members are racing all over the province nearly every weekend. Pictured in the front row are president Jacques Paquette on Chris

Brading's stock racer, Danny Arbic, Al Knight and Chris Brading. Second row, John Salmon Sr., Gary Smith, Walt Dixon and Jimmy Coulson. Third row, Ian Grant, Paul Braida, John Salmon Jr. Back row, Jim Lilley and Joe Winder.



THE ACTION WAS FAST and furious Sunday at Courtcliffe Park, where Carlisle Snowdrifters Club staged their annual snowmobile races on an icy oval. About 150 machines were entered in the races and Chris Brading of the Lowville Racing

Team emerged as top point-getter of the day to win the sterling silver Molson's Cup. John Salmon of Rockwood is the leader in this B modified race.

(Photos by R. Downs)



CHRIS BRADING, who won the trophy for most points at Sunday's races in Carlisle, is also the top point-getter in the Lowville Racing Team. He's pictured (in balaclava) checking spark plugs on his modified Polaris machine before one of Sunday's races, with Al Knight of Georgetown.



JACQUES PAQUETTE, better known as "Jocko", is president of Lowville Racing Team this season and although he doesn't race himself, he's always on hand to help club members. He's pictured with Joe Winder, a Ski-Doo driver, getting Joe's machine ready for a race.

Addition is at Limehouse

A report on Halton County Board of Education's capital budget published last week was in error when it referred to a \$175,000 addition to Milton District High School. No such addition is referred to in the

capital budget. However a \$175,000 addition including a general purpose room, library resource centre and administration area is planned for Esquesing's Limehouse School in 1973.

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